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Pending Projects under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that thousands of road projects taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are pending for more than four years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by the Government to speed up the execution of the said scheme State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) : 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of the central government to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. As per PMGSY programme guidelines, tendering, award and execution of PMGSY projects is the responsibility of the State Government. In some States the progress of PMGSY is relatively slow due to which there are road works still incomplete even after four years. The State-wise details of the number of road works which are incomplete for more than 4 years including Maharashtra are given at Annexure. The reasons for slow progress are as under:-

(i) Inadequate capacity of the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs).

(ii) Most of the construction materials such as cement, steel, bitumen, machinery, personnel handle machinery etc. are not locally available.

(iii) Lack of contracting capacity as well as non availability of basic road making equipment such as road roller, crushing plants, dumper/tipper, trucks etc.

(iv) Non-availability of land or the land falling under forest areas.

(v) Law and order problem in some parts of the States.

(b) : From time to time, State Governments are advised through various Regional Review meetings & Empowered Committee meetings to take suitable necessary action to expedite timely completion of road works under PMGSY. The following steps have been taken by the Ministry to ensure effective implementation of PMGSY:

(i) Additional Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) set up for augmenting the execution capacity of the State.

(ii) Provisions in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) rationalized.

(iii) Training to field engineers, contractors and their staff, imparted regularly for capacity building.

For accelerated execution of PMGSY in the States, the Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the State Governments, has formulated an Action Plan to complete the connectivity mandate of the balance eligible habitations under PMGSY-I by March, 2019, before the earlier set target date of 2022. Accordingly, all State governments have also formulated annual action plan for 2016-17 to complete all sanctioned PMGSY road works within the stipulated time frame.